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## New Year's Gifts

Usually after Xmas we have been very low in a great many lines of goods. Knowing from past experience that at this season it is impossible to fill up for several weeks, we this year bought extra goods with the intention of holding in reserve. We have now brought this reserve stock forward, and now our stock is about as complete as before Xmas.

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The Capetown correspondent of the Times, under date of Friday, Dec. 22, says: "Anxiety regarding the attitude of the Colonial Dutch is steadily growing. They make no effort to conceal their sympathy with the two republics, and the only question now is whether if the military situation is not changed, they will keep from open rebellion."

"Even in districts that have not been visited by the Boers in the eastern part of the province, the Dutch farmers are riding about armed. This is the case also in districts only fifty miles from Capetown, where a seditious movement is busily propagated. The British forces are inadequate to guard 1,000 miles of communications."

MESSAGE FROM COL. OTTER.  
Canadians at Belmont Report No Mishaps, and Story of Captures Unconfirmed.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The following message was received from Stratheona today:

"Have cable from Otter, dated Belmont, December 18, that compressed meat and lime juice tablets most acceptable."

"The committee being formed will act accordingly."

No information has reached the militia department in reference to the capture of any Canadians by Boers.

ARTILLERY FROM INDIA.  
Offer of Two Batteries Readily Accepted by the Imperial Government.

London, Dec. 27.—The Imperial government, according to a despatch from Calcutta from the Times has accepted an offer of two batteries made by the Indian government.

## Officers of Canadians.

### List Announced from Ottawa—Col. Steele with the Police—The Offer of Roughriders.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The names of officers of the Second Contingent were announced to-night except for the Northwest detachment, which will be named by the Commissioner of Mounted Police later.

Col. Murray commands the artillery. Maj. Hudson, of Quebec, "C" battery; Maj. Davidson, of Ottawa, "D" battery; Maj. Ogilvie, "B" battery.

Col. Lessard commands the Mounted Rifles, with Col. Evans second in command; Maj. Forrester commands "A" squadron and Maj. Williams, of Winnipeg, "C" squadron.

Many requests are coming from British Columbia to open recruiting stations for rough riders. The nearest point at present is Calgary. Dr. Milne, who arrived here today, will urge the matter upon Dr. Borden.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Lieut. Col. Steele, of the Northwest Mounted Police, who, with Mrs. Steele, is spending Christmas in Montreal, received a telegram from Dr. Borden, offering him the command of the Western division of the Mounted Rifles. The Colonel immediately wired his acceptance of the appointment. Col. Steele said his impression was that Mounted Rifles would be divided into two divisions, one consisting of N. W. M. P., and recruits from the Northwest, and the other consisting of cavalry regiments east of Manitoba.

## Buller's Next Move.

### Though Anxious to Retrieve Reverse Another Frontal Attack Not Probable.

### Likelihood of Remaining on Defensive Until Still Further Reinforced.

### Ladysmith Reported All Well Tuesday—Times on Campaign Mistakes.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 28.—(4:30 a.m.)—Mr. Winston Churchill's new arrival at Chieveley Camp is responsible for some over-coloring of the gravity of the situation, but all to-day's news conveys the impression that Gen. Buller may be intending another attack upon the Boer position. Certainly the Boers are not inactive. At both Modder River and the Tugela they are said to be strengthening their forces and extending defence works, which in both cases are seemingly impregnable.

As showing the difficulty of obtaining accurate information, a correspondent of the Daily News at Capetown, under date of December 21, announces that "Gen. Buller is coming to Capetown to meet Sir Charles Warren, and then both will go to Modder River." As five battalions of Gen. Warren's fifth division are said to have gone to Natal, his arrival at Pietermaritzburg seemed natural.

Despatches from Chieveley indicate that Gen. Buller's forces will mobilize at Frere before attempting another advance. Doubtless he would be glad to retrieve the Colenso reverse before the arrival of Lord Roberts; yet he is hardly likely to attempt another frontal attack. It is more likely that he is preparing to strike should the Boers make any offensive movement.

Mr. Churchill's reference to Ladysmith may imply that the situation of the garrison is more desperate than had been supposed. The Boers continue fortifying the high hills commanding the town. Gen. Buller, however, believes that all was well in Ladysmith on December 26.

Competent military critics in London regard the campaign as a complete deadlock for the present, owing to the dispersal of the British forces and the lack of adequate transports, so as rapidly to reinforce any point attacked.

The Times, which comments editorially upon the severe strain, says it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that our troubles are due to the unavailability of the presumed practical lesson, given in the manoeuvres at Aldershot.

A SORTIE FROM KIMBERLEY.

Brief Exchange of Artillery Fire Shows Boer Guns in Commanding Positions.

Kimberley, Wednesday, Dec. 20.—At 2:30 this afternoon mounted detachments under command of Col. Peckham, with three Maxims and three seven pounders under Major May, reconnoitred. Leaving the entrenchments the British advanced to Tollypan. The Boer pickets fired and our Maxims replied, the Boers disappearing over the ridge. Four guns then began to shell Tolly Pan at a range of 2,500 yards. A Boer gun dropped four shells near our men, but did no damage. As the Boers were strongly entrenched we withdrew. Their guns are well posted.

SALUTED BRITISH PRISONERS.

Story That Spectators at Pretoria Doffed Hats by Order to Captives from Nicholson's Nek.

London, Dec. 27.—The Daily Chronicle publishes the following from Capetown: "Herr Schleisinger, an agent of the New York Equitable Associated Society, who arrived here from Pretoria, says the Boers possess immense stores of food imported by speculative capitalists, under a belief that mining would be allowed during the war. He says also that there were thousands of spectators at the Pretoria railway station when the British who were captured at Nicholson's Nek detained. The people were ordered by the Boer commandant to bare their heads, and did so. The British, astonished, returned the salute."

## See The Line of

## ...TWO BIT... BRIAR PIPES.

IN SHOW WINDOWS.

### AT HARRY SALMON'S THE CORNER.



## Van Anda Is Doing Well.

Confident Enterprise of Mr. Treat Gives Promise of Rich Results.

Mines Steadily Worked, Smelter Kept Running and Town Quickly Growing.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—Harry Treat has made the Van Anda Company a going concern widely known in business and society circles in New York. Mr. Treat, in a measure, sacrificed himself to stay with a proposition in which he believed, though the public were rapidly losing faith in it. When Mr. Treat took hold of the properties they were little better than prospects. On all sides in those early days Mr. Treat met wiseheads who with the most kindly intentions advised him not to get tangled up with a hopeless proposition. From many prominent Victoria citizens, however, he received a great deal of encouragement and moral support, which was of great help to him in his up-hill fight.

Up to the present moment Harry Treat's hard luck has born all the burden, and to him is due all the praise for developing the mines from prospects to paying properties, erecting a smelter at a time when he was laughed at as a mad dreamer for his faith in Van Anda.

Mr. Treat was asked if Rockefeller had anything whatever to do with Van Anda, as commonly reported. The reply was: "No; decidedly not. That had better be denied once and for all. The one being taken in about equal parts from the Copper Queen and Cornell. The Van Anda is a good business proposition. I have proved it. The ore is there and we are turning it into bullion. I have worked for me 250 men. There are not more than three mines in British Columbia working more than that. We are opening up a great many propositions—no less than twenty-five claims at present. I am preparing for the establishment of a big smelter which will reward the company for its long patience and will make a big profit. See you see the Van Anda proposition is a comprehensive one, capable of great expansion. We have a growing, prosperous community, smelter, sawmills, stores, schools, logging camps, everything pertaining to a good mining town."

## GERMAN FINANCES.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—The Reichsbank statement issued to-night is regarded in German business circles as highly unfavorable. It shows 71,000,000 marks less metal in stock than a year ago, 34,000,000 marks less in circulation and 241,000,000 in discount. In excess of last year's figures. Herr Koch, president of the bank, admitted that the final statement at the end of the year would be the worst in the bank's history.

## COLDEST IN TWENTY YEARS.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—An illustration of the severity of the cold throughout Germany is the fact that communication between Scherrebek and the Island of Roem is now had exclusively over a frozen arm of the North Sea, a condition which has not previously existed for twenty years.

## QUEER IF TRUE.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A despatch to the Times from Mafeking, dated Monday, Dec. 11, by way of Mochudi, Tuesday, Dec. 19, says that Lady Sarah Wilson, aunt of the Duke of Marlborough, who was captured by the Boers while acting as correspondent for a London paper, has arrived there, "having been exchanged for Viljoen, a notorious horse-thief and convict."

## SPANIARDS IN PHILIPPINES.

Madrid, Dec. 27.—The premier, Senor Silvela, formally announced at today's cabinet council that he had had an interview with the United States Minister, Mr. Bellamy Storer, who had informed him that the United States government would undertake the repatriation of the families of the Spanish prisoners in the Philippines.

## BOER SUPPLY BASE.

Belief That German Steamers Land Stores at Delagoa Bay Under False Bills of Lading.

London, Dec. 28.—A despatch to the Times from Pietermaritzburg, dated Thursday, December 21, says: "A strong suspicion exists here that the ostensibly innocent bills of lading furnished by German steamers arriving in Delagoa Bay really conceal contraband, and the local newspapers are urging a more rigid examination of cargoes."

## THE FRENCH CONSPIRATORS.

Prisoners Released for Want of Evidence Jeer at the Court as They Depart.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The public prosecutor concluded his closing speech to-night before the senate sitting as a high court, in the conspiracy cases. He asked that an especially severe sentence be imposed upon Jules Guerin, the president of the Anti-Semite League. The president of the court, M. Fallieres, then read the decision of the high court, liberating those prisoners whose prosecution was abandoned yesterday, owing to want of evidence. The prisoners in question then left the court room, one of them shouting, "Vive le Republicain," and "A bas Juifs." The court adjourned until tomorrow.

## THE INDIAN FAMINE.

London, Dec. 27.—The Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, telegraphs from Calcutta that there has been no increase of rain and that 2,451,000 natives suffering from famine, are now receiving relief.

## SAMOA'S NEW CONDITIONS.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The British government has acted on the agreement and treaties for the partition of Samoa, and has withdrawn the supervisory authority which she has exercised of late years in common with Germany and the United States. For the present, however, the British consular offices remain there.

## VOLUNTEERS FROM TORONTO.

Brisk Enrollment for the Second Contingent and Body of Independent Horsemen Offered.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—One hundred good horsemen from Toronto are prepared to go to South Africa, as an independent organization and fight for Great Britain, provided they are given free transportation. The authority for this statement is Lt.-Col. Delamore, the Queen's Own Commandant.

## A DOMESTIC TRAGEDY.

Manitoba Farmer Kills His Young Wife and Suicides—No Known Trouble Between Them.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—News has just been received in the city of a terrible tragedy which occurred at the farm house of a quiet German family, residing about ten miles southeast of Winnipeg. On Friday morning last, J. P. Dentzer shot and killed his young wife with a shotgun and completed his fiendish work by ending his own life with the same weapon. Country people are greatly mystified over the said affair and can give no motive why Dentzer should have taken his wife's life, as both had lived an apparently happy life.

## A SQUADRON COMMANDER.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—News was received to-night that Capt. Williams, D. O. C., had been appointed to command "B" squadron of the Canadian Mounted Rifles for Africa. The appointment is a most popular one, though Winnipeggers will be sorry to lose their soldierly and genial captain. Maj. Williams is a son of the late Lieut. C. Williams, who commanded the Midland battalion in the Riel rebellion.

## TEN YEARS IN PEN.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Quigley, found guilty of manslaughter at Calgary, was today sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

## A CHURCH BURNED.

Campbellford, Dec. 27.—The Catholic church, here, with the entire contents, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is \$8,000.

## COL. EVANS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Col. Evans, who has been commander of the troops in Yukon, and will now have charge of the cavalry contingent for South Africa, reached Winnipeg this afternoon on his way to Ottawa.

## The Mission Explosion.

Reformers Refute the Statement That They Perpetrated the Atrocity.

Have Their Suspicions But Are Not Themselves Responsible.

The members of the Methodist Mission of Figgard street, which narrowly escaped destruction by an arranged explosion on Sunday evening last, have held a meeting and decided to offer a reward of \$100 for the apprehension of the scoundrels responsible for Sunday's sensational scene. Chinatown has been freely placarded with this announcement and further there is very little to say. As in the case of the murder mysteries, the police are inclined to look wide and say nothing—that is nothing more than that they are working, with very little to show upon.

It was left for the Times of last evening to launch the sensational theory, crediting it to "members of the congregation," that the explosion was the work of members of the new revolutionary society recently organized here by Kang Yu-wei, this theory being based upon the opposition of Rev. Chua Sing Kai, the active preacher, to this order, his advice to his pupils having been from the first to have little to do with an organization aiming at revolution. The knowledge that all is not harmony in the ranks of the new order, coupled with the startling disclosures as to its aims and workings in San Francisco that have recently been made by the press of the California city, gave color to this theory. It is, however, repudiated by the mission authorities, while the leading members of the Kang Yu-wei party in Victoria have asked the insertion of the following in the Colonist:

"A grave injustice has been done the friends of Kang Yu-wei by an article in last night's Times wherein it is insinuated that the friends of that reformer were implicated in the explosion at the Methodist Chinese Mission. We ask space in the Colonist to repel the disgraceful charge. The reformers are merchants and laborers, most of whom have shown by a long and honorable career in this country that they are men of good order and respectability, and far above the commission of this dastardly outrage which had it been successful, must have involved death or injury to many innocent persons. We have not the slightest idea or clue as to the perpetrators. Had we such we would give it at once to the officers of the law. We wish to see in the strongest and most unmistakable manner that we deeply deplore the atrocity. It is true, as the Times says, that we wish to see our true and lawful emperor back on the throne, but we have no feeling of hostility toward the young Christianized Chinese missionary who has delivered addresses at the Mission church in opposition to our views. Trusting you will give this letter an insertion in your valuable paper, we are,

## FRIENDS OF KANG YU-WEI.

Case's inquiry in Chinatown leads to the discovery of the fact that the truth of the matter of the explosion is quite understood by many of the residents of the quarter. Ever since the explosion the letter to the Colonist last week did not do much to help our case. He contacted himself with the philosophy: "I don't know anything. I eat my three meals every day, and go to sleep, and make a little money. I don't bother about what I think about what I haven't any business thinking about."

## AMERICAN COMPETITION.

Glasgow, Dec. 27.—The corporation of this city has accepted the bid of a New York company for electric feeders for the Glasgow tramways at £151,000 or \$10,000 below the lowest bid in Great Britain.

Ma. Mateo in December.—At the home of the late's mother, Mrs. A. C. Conroy, of 130 Johnson street, a pretty home wedding was solemnized last evening, Right Rev. Bishop O'Rourke uniting in matrimony Mr. William H. M. May, of Wellington, and Miss Maria Jane Conroy. The bridesmaids were the Misses Annie and Blanche Conroy, and the groom was supported by Mr. George M. Richards of Wellington, the bride being given away by her uncle, Mr. George J. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. May left by the Charnier this morning for Vancouver, where the first days of the honeymoon will be spent.

## PAUL KRUGER'S STYLE.

Characteristic Address to His Burglars, "The Lord's People"—Calls.

Mr. "Raynal de Font," the author of an American book on South Africa, "In a Land of Smoke," sends from Colorado Beach, California, his notes of an interesting and characteristic speech which he heard President Kruger deliver nine years ago at Paardekraal farm on Dingaan's day. Four thousand burglers he said, were present, many of them with their wives and children, and amongst them there was a fair sprinkling of well-dressed gentlemen from Johannesburg and the mines, who had come out to see the Boers celebrate their national festival. Prayer had been offered up, and certainly no U-lander showed want of reverence, and that historic speech, beginning, "The Lord shall reward us for the battle," which the gallant 300 upraised on the banks of Blood river in the face of Dingaan's thousands 52 years before that day, had been sung by the burglers as a noise of many waters, and then the man in his hand for silence, and addressed them:

"All ye multitude," and his strong voice rang out the sonorous, guttural notes, "listen with full attention, that you may take hold of what I say. God is in our midst. I shall first address the poor burglers, who are here to praise God for His Almighty deeds favoring our entire people in the past days and now also. Unbelievers say God does not do signs and wonders as in the days of the Old Testament, but I can show you from our own history that the Lord does everything to give a good time to those that are the people of the Lord; even as it is said in Psalm XXV. Yes, for you also, murderers, thieves, and even strangers. He works in His own good time, and He will give you the victory. I name you all His People." He paused to allow this charitable inclusion to sink in to the hearts of the frivolous "strangers," and then qualified the concession by a word of caution to his "true burglers." 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## WINNING COMMISSIONS.

Desperate Undertakings for Which Soldiers Have Long Sought the Opportunity.

If the present conflict in South Africa is productive of no other good thing, it will at least afford to many a poor and unfortunat, yet ambitious, Tommy the chance of winning his silk sash on the field of battle.

For, contrary to the generally received opinion, it is in this manner, and this manner alone, that most combatant commissions from the ranks are gained. Those earned in time of peace are usually either honorary or non-combatant ones, granted as a reward for long and faithful service to the quartermasters, riding masters, and others of that ilk; or they are awarded, as a matter of favor, to young fellows of good family and some means, who, having failed in the examinations at Sandhurst,

have enlisted on the tacit, but none the less distinct, understanding that they are to be promoted, provided always they prove themselves good and efficient soldiers at the first available opportunity.

The latter of course are not "rankers" at all in the true sense of the word. The real ranker has to fight for his commission to-day, and fight hard; just as in the days gone by did Major-General "Willie" McBean, and Luke O'Connor, both of whom rose from privates to command their regiments.

The first named enlisted in the 63rd Highlanders in February, 1835, and was then a barefooted, shock-headed, gawky-looking lad of eighteen. He won his commission in the Crimea; and a little later on, at Lucknow, he gained his V.C. by killing 11 mutineers at one time in single combat. The "chief" actor in this latter terrible drama always made light of it; and when, some time afterwards, a regimental parade was ordered for the purpose of presenting him with his well-earned cross, he answered Sir R. Garrett, who referred to it as "a good day's work," with the remark, "Toots, mon, it didn't take me twenty minutes!"

Like O'Connor, who earned his cross and his commission together at the battle of the Alma River, the double honor being awarded him for conspicuous gallantry in taking over the "Queen's color" of his regiment—after Ensign Anstethier, in whose keeping it was, had been shot dead—and, though wounded, carrying it through the action. Like McBean, he rose through all the intermediate grades of the command of the gallant corps—the 23rd—in whose ranks he had once shouldered a rifle, and was re-elected in 1857, with the honorary rank of major-general. He is still alive.

Yet a third famous ranker whose chance came to him on the bloodstained plains of the Crimea was Major John Berryman, V.C., who died a few years back. Like O'Connor, his commission and cross came both to him at one and the same time. The occasion was the ever memorable Charge of Balaklava. Berryman, then a sergeant, had been unhorsed and badly wounded, but was able to walk. While making his way back to our lines, he stumbled across Capt. Webb, of the 11th Lancers—his own regiment's leg shattered by a grape-shot. Berryman, seeing his superior officer's terrible plight, refused to proceed further, and later on, having recovered assistance in carrying the poor fellow out of immediate danger, he then proceeded to fix a tourniquet, which he had previously borrowed from an officer of the Scots Guards, on the wounded man's thigh.

While thus engaged, a tall officer, wearing the Emperor Napoleon's uniform, and covered with decorations, rode up. It was the celebrated French strategist, Gen. Morris. "Your officer?" he asked, pointing to the half-unconscious lancer.

"Yes, sir."

"Ah! And you a sergeant?"—touching the chevrons on his sleeve.

"Yes, sir."

"You are a brave man. If you were in the French service, I would make you a lieutenant on the spot!"

Then, standing up in his stirrups and pointing down the valley, he made use of the phrase which has since become historical:—"Mon Dieu! It was grand. It was magnificent. But it is not war!"

A man who has made up his mind to "work his commission" by behaving with exceptional gallantry on the field of battle has no easy task before him. Where all men are brave, there the most must be something very much out of the common in order to merit so high a reward. When, for instance, Capt. Henry, of

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while fighting as a sergeant at Inkerman, received three severe bayonet wounds, and was ordered to the rear, he refused to go, giving as his excuse for disobeying that he was trying to earn his "sash," and that what he had done and suffered so far was not half enough to get him it. A little later he received four more wounds in quick succession, but he continued in the fighting line nearly an hour longer. When at length he was carried off the field unconscious, he was found to have sustained yet five additional bayonet wounds, making twelve in all. He got his commission, and his cross with it.

Sergeant Scott, of the Cape Mounted Rifles, deserved his reward. The place was South Africa, the year 1879. The night before the attack on Morosi's Mountain he volunteered to creep forward and gain a position from whence he could fling down the shells among the Basutos. He succeeded in his object, but died doing so, and was prematurely, shattering his right arm and left leg, and injuring him internally. Yet he esteemed himself amply repaid by the receipt soon afterwards of a bit of parchment, bearing Her Majesty's slight commendation, and by virtue of which he was entitled to wear upon his shoulder-knots the single gold star of a lieutenant.

After all, however, it is doubtful if any man ever fought harder for his commission than did Col. Hector MacDonnell, whose name and fame in England were ringing after Omdurman. This sturdy Scot first saw service in Afghanistan—that nursery of heroes. His lieutenantcy came to him after Gen. "Bob's" famous march from Kabul to Kandahar; but prior to this he had shown his mettle at Karatzi, at Choralah, at Maldan, and at Chidukhtan.

The question is often asked, "What is the very highest position to which a 'ranker' has ever attained?" So far as the writing has been able to ascertain, it is that of Lieutenant-General.

Several one-time privates, besides O'Connor and McBean, have retired major-generals; but it was reserved for one John Eiley, a tinner's apprentice and a clever school teacher, to go one better even than this. He commenced as Pte. John Eiley, of the Royal Horse Guards Blue, and he ended as Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Eiley, K.C.B. He died in 1879, and is buried in the Chapel Royal, Windsor.

One should mention in this connection the name of John Shipp, who, although he rose to no very high rank, achieved his remarkable and altogether unique distinction of winning his commission twice over. His first—gained at the coming of the Boer war—was the money he received for it was quickly squandered, and then Shipp, who was still quite a young man, enlisted again, and actually succeeded in again winning his silk sash at the bayonet's point. Such a feat has never been accomplished before, and of course will be again, inasmuch as a commission, once granted, is nowadays forfeited only by death, or by some dishonorable action, which would effectually preclude any hope of ever again being selected for a similar honor.—ANSWERS.

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## LOCAL NEWS.

**Annual Dance.**—At Institute hall last evening the members of the Y. M. I. and Y. L. I. had their annual holiday season dance. The hall was comfortably filled and a general good time was enjoyed.

**Children's Treats.**—The children of the city Sunday schools last evening enjoyed their annual Christmas treats. They were those of the Metropolitan Methodist, Calvary and Emmanuel Baptist. At each presents were distributed to the pupils; refreshments were served, followed by entertainments.

**A Poor Company.**—There were a couple of good specialties in "At Gay Coney Island," presented at the Victoria theatre last evening, but the balance of the show was very poor, the company being below the average. The redeeming features were the dancing and singing of Miss Mattie Lockette, the violin solo by Miss Marie Stori, and the whistling of Alf. Holt.

**Arrested for Assault.**—Gus Kirsheimer occupies a cell in the city lock-up, the charge against him being assaulting and beating Henry Stadthagen. On Tuesday Stadthagen had a summons issued for Kirsheimer, charging him with assault. According to the complainant's story he met Kirsheimer yesterday and gave him a beating for having the same issued. Kirsheimer denies the charge.

**Death of Mrs. O'Reilly.**—The sad news was received in Victoria yesterday of the death of the late Mrs. O'Reilly, who was married in the year 1864. She had been in extreme ill-health for some time, and was going to England in the hope that the change would benefit her. Besides her husband two sons and a daughter survive her.

**Important Questions Deferred.**—At the adjourned meeting of the Trades and Labor Council yesterday evening, the council had with them as a guest Mr. James Ferguson, of Seattle, organizer of the American Federation of Labor. The report of the delegates to the recent conference at Vancouver was received and tabled until the next regular meeting; the matter of the labor organizations taking an active part in the approaching municipal elections also going over for subsequent consideration. The committee of reference on schools, which had their report referred back to them, pending a receipt of information from Professor Robertson; and it was arranged to take up each of these several important matters at a meeting to be held next Wednesday night, when the election of officers will also be conducted.

## A PARADOX IN ARMS.

Weapons of To-day Less Deadly Than Those of the Past.

In one remarkable respect the events of the present struggle have falsified the predictions of many would-be prophets, though not of men who have really studied war. It has always been a superstition with the half-informed that with the great improvement in weapons which has come in modern times, the loss of life on the battlefield would increase in exactly proportionate ratio. Mr. Bloch, for example, has told us that "between the hands of the British forces in South Africa, opposed to fine and steady marksmen, courageous by nature and race, have never yet failed to cross this 'solemn, ominous gap' between the lines. They have again and again, in equal or inferior force, sustained the trench positions of a stubborn enemy provided with one of the finest rifles in existence. And they have done it with a loss in each case which is far below that sustained in similar actions of the past."

Those are the figures of the British losses, with a rough estimate in each case of the total and actual, and the proportion to the percentage which the loss bears to that total:

	Killed	Wounded	Engd. of loss
Glencoe	48	221	4,000
Elandslaagte	51	213	3,000
Belmont	49	238	7,000
Glencairn	24	104	6,700
Modder River	22	306	8,000

In no case has the loss reached 10 per cent. of the whole force, though there have been regiments and small detachments which have suffered altogether disproportionately. The detachment of Gordons lost one-third their force; the heroic Marines, in their determined assault upon the kopje at Chidukhtan, lost nearly 50 per cent. of their men, leaving almost all their officers, upon the ground.

At Albuera, one of the bloodiest actions of the Peninsular war, the Anglo-Spanish army lost 7,000 out of 45,000. In the attack on the hill which formed the key to the French position, the 45th Regiment lost 425 officers and men out of 570, and only 1,500 un wounded British soldiers out of 6,000 reached the top. This was an unsuccessful assault, yet the enormous losses prove the deadliness of the old weapons. In ten other instances, from 1377 to 1800, the average of losses was from 25 to 10 per cent.

The seeming paradox that modern weapons are less deadly than the old Mine or Brown Bess is thus explained: In the first place, the range of to-day is a

more nervous organism than was the man of 1800 or 1850. In the second place, the effect of the artillery preparation is now infinitely more powerful than it was in the past, and with the exception of the extraordinary in the future. As the ydellite shell is to the shrapnel of the present, so the shrapnel is to the feeble round shot or shell of the past. In the very near future our field batteries will be supplied with the terrible ydellite-charged projectile, which is five times more efficacious among the stony kopjes of the South African veldt than the shrapnel with which our batteries are at present supplied. Then our 5 and 4 per cents. of losses will dwindle to 2½ and 2 per cent.

Moreover, in the past the soldiers were either long-service men or trained in continuous fighting. Such troops will take more punishment than the two or three years' soldier of the Continent today, because their discipline is keener. Our own fighting army is composed practically of six years' service men—when the Reservists are included—and is at the present time, man for man, the finest fighting force in the world.

## TO TREAT INEBRIATE POOR.

Ontario Government Asked to Bonus a Scheme for Their Cure.

A deputation from the Ontario Medical Association, composed of Dr. Gilbert Gordon, Dr. Oldright, Dr. Roseburgh, Dr. Jones and Dr. Coventry, of Windsor, recently waited upon the Ontario government to propose a scheme for treating the pauper inebriates of the province similar to that which has been advocated by the Prisoners' Aid Association. They propose that inebriate wards be set aside in the general hospitals of the province, at which the poor will be treated for drunkenness free of charge. The mode of treatment, they suggested, should be subject to government surveillance.

It is estimated that it will take a grant of \$10,000 to start the scheme and keep it running for the first year. Of this, \$5,000 will be necessary for immediate outlay. The other \$5,000 will be required for superintendence. There are about 1,000 pauper inebriates in the province, but it is proposed to treat only 300 or 400 during the first year.

Premier Ross expressed himself as favorable to the scheme outlined by the medical men, and promised to have it brought before the house at the next session. It is to be hoped that the purpose, he stated, that had ever been submitted to him.

## PERSONAL.

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Victoria, B. C., June, 1898.

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## VICTORIA TIDES.

(By Mr. Napier Dennison.)

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to 14 feet of water in the channel off Point, and 34.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock.

Thursday, Dec. 28.		Friday, Dec. 29.	
Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
1:30 a.m.	7.4 feet.	2:10 a.m.	8.2 feet.
4:00 a.m.	7.0 feet.	5:00 a.m.	8.0 feet.
10 00 a.m.	9.2 feet.	11:00 a.m.	9.0 feet.
7.00 p.m.	2.0 feet.	7:30 p.m.	1.2 feet.

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A few good things left. Come and secure a bargain for New Year presents. Perfumes, Ebony Goods, Toilet and Manicure Cases, Atomizers, etc. F. W. Fawcett, 49 Government street.

Few men are foolish enough to tell the readers of a great family journal that they do not care for their good friends. If they do they are soon found out. "HONDI" Ceylon Tea is as represented—therefore keep it always before you.

Checks Are Ready.—The city treasurer announces that checks are now ready for those holding accounts against the corporation for December services, and requests that they be called for and deposited without delay.

Holiday presents, comprising English Dram Flasks, Silverware, Pipes, Slung, Sporting and Pocket Cutlery, Skates, Boxing Gloves, Footballs, Punching Bags, Golf Goods, Fishing Tackle, Shooting Jackets, Cartridge Vests, Sporting Supplies, etc., at Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street.

The Williams B. C. Directory will be published about the 1st of April or sooner, completely revised and corrected up to date. A complete index of the Mineral Act of 1890, with Revised Statutes as amended 1898 and 1899, also index to Placer Mining Act, 1891, and amendments of 1899-1900, if any, will be a new feature.

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Religious Hallucination.—Among the passengers from Bella Coola by the steamer Bosworth yesterday were Native Constable Lewis and an insane prisoner, Jackson by name—also an aborigine, Jackson, who has taken great interest in the mission work in the North, is laboring under the peculiar hallucination that he is the Lord Jesus. It is ex-

pected that he will go to the asylum today, the medical examiners being agreed that his case is hopeless.

License Commissioners.—The regular meeting of the board of licensing commissioners for Esquimalt district will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Assign No Quorum.—The meeting of the British Columbia Agricultural and Industrial Association called for last evening was again postponed, there being no quorum present.

Improved Streets.—Johnson and Store streets now present a much improved appearance in consequence of the completion by Contractor John Bell of splendid cement sidewalks on those thoroughfares. The work was turned over to the city yesterday.

At the Front.—John Davey, a son of Engineer Davey of the E. & N. railway, is with Lord Methuen's forces at Modder River, being a member of the Second Devons. The young soldier attended school in Victoria West until he was 16 years of age, and two years ago joined the regiment with which he is now serving.

The Mayor's New Year's Dinner.—In consequence of the date first announced conflicting with that set by His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, for his first state entertaining, Mayor Redfern has advanced the date for the dinner at the Union Club, Mayor Redfern has advanced the date for the dinner at the Union Club, Mayor Redfern has advanced the date for the dinner at the Union Club.

At the Orphanage.—The ladies' committee of management of the Protestant Orphanage yesterday completed arrangements for the children's Christmas, which is to be celebrated today. There is a huge Christmas tree laden with presents for the little ones, and in other ways they will be made happy. Visitors are invited to be present between 3 and 6 o'clock.

Christmas at St. Paul's.—The usual Christmas tree entertainment of St. Paul's church Sabbath school will be given in Temple's hall, Victoria West, tomorrow evening. Supper will be served to the children at 6 o'clock, and an excellent programme, exclusively for the children, will be given at 8 o'clock, followed by the distribution by Santa Claus of presents and prizes.

Will Go to the Lazaretto.—The Chinese patient believed to have developed leprosy during his recent residence in Sidney, and who has been in isolation during several weeks past, in charge of the provincial police, has now reached such a stage in the disease that all doubt is dispelled. He will accordingly be sent to the Darcy Island lazaretto without further delay.

"Mary Ann" Invokes the Law.—Mrs. William Keeler, whose husband recently served a term for assault upon Mrs. Babington, and who herself is one of the most notable eccentrics of the city, was at the police court room yesterday, in the capacity of an applicant to Clerk Page for summonses against a couple of James Bay boys who, she asserts, have been persistently annoying her.

The Summons Unanswered.—Two cases, each of assault, were to have been preferred against R. J. McDonnell in the city police court yesterday, but were postponed indefinitely, owing to the announcement by the police officers that they had as yet been unable to serve the summonses upon the defendant. McDonnell is said by his intimate acquaintances to be dangerously ill, under constant medical treatment.

Dined Their Employees.—In accordance with a graceful custom inaugurated last Christmas, the British Columbia Market Company yesterday entertained their male employees to the number of an even dozen, at the snug little Boomerang, whose proprietor, Mr. H. C. Marr, is himself a veteran of the company's staff. Manager Welch presided, and the social gathering was heartily enjoyed by all the spread, it may be needless to remark, challenging criticism.

Officers Elected.—The members of Loyal Dauntless Lodge, C. O. F., have elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: N. G. Bro. Richards; V. G. Bro. Todd; Secretary, Bro. Emery; Assistant Secretary, Bro. Noble; Treasurer, Bro. Pearce; Lecture Master, Bro. Tagg; Warden, Bro. More; Conductor, Bro. Welch; Delegate to Grand Lodge, Bro. Tagg. Delegates were also elected to attend the meeting of secret societies in C. O. F. W. hall on January 9 to decide what action to be taken in regard to the action of the medical profession in refusing longer to act as lodge physicians.

Civic Candidates.—In addition to the majority of the sitting aldermen and trustees who will offer themselves for re-election at the approaching municipal contests, Messrs. John Jardine, Joseph Phillips, Maurice Hamber and Ed Bragg are already announced as in the field for council honors, while ex-Alderman John Hall has tacitly admitted his aspiration to the seat for South ward and the sub-sequent chairmanship of the board.

Friends of Mr. John Piercy and Mr. A. L. Belyea are also anxious that they should allow themselves to be placed in nomination. Of the possible new material for the school board, Mr. R. L. Henry and Mr. Aaron Lewis have already announced themselves as in the running, while Mr. W. J. Hanna is among the probabilities. It is highly unlikely that the mayoralty fight will be anything other than a straight battle between Mayor Redfern and Alderman Charles Hayward.

New Year's Hospitality.—For many years past on New Year's Day, the members of Perseverance Lodge No. 1, I. O. G. T., have kept open house in the Temperance hall. Next morning will be no exception to the rule. The hall will be open at 1 o'clock, and Perseverance Lodge will be at home to receive callers until 5 o'clock in the evening. Refreshments will be served during that time, and in the evening—as has been the custom—there will be a free concert at which a number of the best amateur entertainers of the city will assist, under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown. The lodge desires it to be understood that everyone will be made welcome at this reception, especially those who have no homes in the city, or who may be sojourning here for a brief period. Excursions and meals have been distributed throughout the city, and it is hoped and anticipated that many will avail themselves of the proffered hospitality. For those who may find their calling time restricted, various amusements will be provided, and an orchestra will discourse good music during the afternoon.

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Dr. Hoyes Takes a Bride.—A quiet home marriage was celebrated last evening at the residence of the bride's mother, 27 Fernwood Road, when Miss Mabel Grace Bunting, youngest daughter of the late C. E. Bunting, became the wife of Dr. William T. Hoyes of Trail, B. C., the physician of the Columbia & Western Railway Co., and of the Trail smelter. The ceremony last evening was performed by Rev. W. Leslie Gray, beneath a floral bell in the prettily decorated parlor, and was witnessed by the immediate friends of the bride and no other guests. Dr. and Mrs. Hoyes leave by the Charnier this morning for their home in Trail.

Christmas at Sooke.—Knox church, Sooke, was the scene of a very pretty Christmas gathering a few evenings ago, the seating capacity of the sacred edifice being taxed to its utmost, and the interior being very charmingly decorated in honor of the festive occasion. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the district at 8 o'clock, after which hour a good programme was presented by the best district talent, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Hayward, of Metochin. Mrs. Hayward's rendition of "Loch Lomond" and "Rothsday Bay" were particularly enjoyed; while Mrs. Murray sang "Why Do Summer Roses Fade" in an exceptionally pleasing manner. Mr. Oldershaw, of East Sooke, roused the patriotic enthusiasm of all present with "The Old Brigade," while Mr. Bone contributed several comic songs, accompanying himself on the concertina. "The Gates of the West" and "Afterwards" were given by Mr. D. A. Fraser, who also presided at the organ. In addition to the musical numbers, "The Roman Soldier" was recited by Mr. Forsyth, and Mr. Hayward favored with a reading. Dialogues were given by the school children in a manner winning the hearty approbation of the audience, and at the close of the entertainment Santa Claus made his appearance, and distributed presents from the hidden Christmas tree. The patron saint of childhood was especially generous, the "grown-ups" as well as the young folks, coming in for a share of his treasure trove, and the happy gathering was finally brought to a close with the hearty singing of the national anthem.

THE SOLDIER BOYS.

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Among the hosts of gifts collected at the Government House, Toronto, for the Canadian Contingent, was found a consignment of Dr. Chase's Ointment, the gift of Messrs. Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto. This was distributed among the boys at Quebec, so that every one has a box in his knapsack in case of emergency.

The wounds received in actual battle, the greatest suffering to the soldier comes from chafing, sore feet, and skin irritations caused by much walking and wearing of heavy accoutrements and itching piles, the result of sleeping on the ground, and exposure to dampness. Every soldier is armed against these troubles by having with him Dr. Chase's Ointment.

REPORTED CHANGE.

Said That Col. Peters Will Be Transferred to Toronto Military District.

It is stated that Lieut.-Col. Peters, D. O. C. for Military District No. 11, which includes the province of British Columbia, is shortly to be transferred to Military District No. 2, Toronto, and that Capt. Benson, R. C. A., of No. 2, will succeed him in the command.

Col. Evans was recalled from the Yukon to succeed Col. Otter, but now he also is going to South Africa, and consequently Col. Peters' transfer to the home military district of the Dominion. The district comprises the third brigade division, including the force in the counties of Brant, Haldimand, Lincoln, Monck, Niagara, Norfolk, Welland, Wentworth, City of Hamilton, and the Fourth Brigade division, comprising the counties of Carleton Place, Grey, Algonquin, Halton and York, and the Fifth Brigade division, Toronto.

On a previous occasion, when it was proposed to transfer Col. Peters, it is understood he said he would prefer re-election. The Colonel was born in St. John, N. B., in 1853, and in his nineteenth year received his first commission as a subaltern in the 62nd Battalion. He held similar rank in the Garrison Artillery of Manitoba and "A" Battery, R. C. A., and was promoted to captain in the latter in 1877. His majority he obtained in 1887, and he served in the Northwest rebellion of 1885, being repeatedly mentioned for gallantry.

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GOLDEN WEDDING.

Unusual Celebration Held at Lake Hill on Christmas Day.

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The list of presents follows: Mrs. G. A. McTavish and Mrs. W. R. Higgins, gold belt; Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Clanton, gold ice cream dish; Miss C. Spotts, gold mug; Mrs. Chas. Spotts, gold cream jug; Ald. and Mrs. Chas. Hayward, gold flower pot; Mr. and Mrs. Monck, cake plate and cheese; Mr. T. W. Pierre, gold tea set; Mr. and Mrs. Noah Shakespeare, gold salad spoon; Mr. and Mrs. Barnswell, pair gold mugs; Mrs. L. A. Booth, pair gold vases; Mr. and Mrs. St. Croche, butter bowl; Mr. T. Spotts, sr., gold brooch; Mrs. M. Bates, gold cup and saucer; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Yates, gold fruit bowls; Mr. and Mrs. Dehaln, gold spoon; Mr. and Mrs. J. Shimpson, vases and stand; Mr. and Mrs. H. King, silk handkerchief and cash; the Misses Tolmie, gold brooch; Mr. John Tolmie, gold cuff buttons; Dr. and Mrs. S. F. Tolmie, gold picture frame; Mr. Herbert Carter, cup and saucer; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Helmecken, gold spoons; Mr. J. T. Pierre, cheese; Mr. H. Young (Saanich), cheese; Mr. and Mrs. Monk, cheese; Mr. T. Alexander, cheese; Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Ker, pin cushion; Mrs. A. Scott, pin cushion; Mr. and Mrs. Bamfield, cash; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Anderson, cash.

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GOLDEN WEDDING.

Unusual Celebration Held at Lake Hill on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander, of Lake Hill, formerly of Saanich, who celebrated their golden wedding on Christmas Day, were married in Springfield, Illinois, on December 25, 1849. Twelve children were born to them, of whom seven are still living, and besides they have 21 grandchildren. With the exception of one daughter all were present at the celebration for which their home was prettily decorated. The couple came to Victoria in 1858 and have since resided on the Island. Among the callers on Monday were: Mr. John Tolmie, the Misses Tolmie, Postmaster and Mrs. Noah Shakespeare, Ald. and Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. and Miss Spotts, Mr. P. Spotts, Mr. H. Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. Shimpson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barnswell, Mrs. L. A. Booth, Miss M. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stuart Yates, Mr. T. W. Pierre, Mr. J. T. Pierre and daughter, Mr. H. King, Mrs. Monk, Mr. and Mrs. Monk, Mr. and Mrs. Bamfield, Mr. H. Carter, Mr. H. D. Helmecken, M.P.P., Miss Maude Goodwin, and Mr. D. D. McTavish.

The health of the couple was proposed by Mr. H. D. Helmecken, who congratulated them on the event, one of the few of the kind held in this section of the country. He spoke of the esteem in which they were held and hoped that they would long be spared.

The list of presents follows: Mrs. G. A. McTavish and Mrs. W. R. Higgins, gold belt; Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Clanton, gold ice cream dish; Miss C. Spotts, gold mug; Mrs. Chas. Spotts, gold cream jug; Ald. and Mrs. Chas. Hayward, gold flower pot; Mr. and Mrs. Monck, cake plate and cheese; Mr. T. W. Pierre, gold tea set; Mr. and Mrs. Noah Shakespeare, gold salad spoon; Mr. and Mrs. Barnswell, pair gold mugs; Mrs. L. A. Booth, pair gold vases; Mr. and Mrs. St. Croche, butter bowl; Mr. T. Spotts, sr., gold brooch; Mrs. M. Bates, gold cup and saucer; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Yates, gold fruit bowls; Mr. and Mrs. Dehaln, gold spoon; Mr. and Mrs. J. Shimpson, vases and stand; Mr. and Mrs. H. King, silk handkerchief and cash; the Misses Tolmie, gold brooch; Mr. John Tolmie, gold cuff buttons; Dr. and Mrs. S. F. Tolmie, gold picture frame; Mr. Herbert Carter, cup and saucer; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Helmecken, gold spoons; Mr. J. T. Pierre, cheese; Mr. H. Young (Saanich), cheese; Mr. and Mrs. Monk, cheese; Mr. T. Alexander, cheese; Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Ker, pin cushion; Mrs. A. Scott, pin cushion; Mr. and Mrs. Bamfield, cash; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Anderson, cash.

The evening was spent after a glorious supper in singing and dancing, the merry party not ending up till early hours in the morning.

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## Fell Down The Stairway.

Marvel Conn Accidentally Killed  
In Her House on Broad  
Street.

Falling Down Stairs She Is  
Believed to Have Fractured  
Her Skull.

A woman known as Marvel Conn, but whose correct name is believed to be Mrs. C. L. Johnson, died at her home, 62 Broad Street, last evening, as a result of injuries received from falling down stairs. Early Tuesday morning the inmates of the house were startled by a crash, and going into the hallway found the unfortunate woman lying at the foot of the stairs, and the fragments of a lamp, which she had been carrying, scattered about the floor. She was unconscious, and could consequently give no explanation of how the accident occurred. A physician was immediately sent for, and after he had made an examination of the wounds ordered her to the hospital. This her friends refused to do until they obtained her consent. When she regained consciousness she refused to go. She was conscious all day yesterday, but all she could remember was that she had tripped and fallen. The doctors believe that she had an apoplectic fit, and that in falling she fractured the base of her skull.

Sergeant Redgrave took charge of the remains last evening and removed them to the morgue, notifying Coroner Hart. The coroner decided to have a post-mortem examination held this morning and an inquest in the afternoon.

The woman had been a resident of Victoria but a short time, purchasing about a month ago the furniture of the house in which she died. She had relatives in Northport, Wash.

### SURPRISED THE CAPTAIN.

Officers of the Chalmers Present Capt. Rudlin With a Cane and Address.

It is not often that genial Captain Rudlin of the steamer Chalmers, permits himself to be taken by surprise. He was, however, on Sunday last, when on the completion of the run over to Vancouver, his officers waited upon him and in token of their respect and affection for the commander, presented him with a handsome gold-mounted ebony cane, bearing the simple yet sufficient inscription: "Capt. Rudlin, from Officers of the Chalmers, Xmas, 1899." The handsome gift was accompanied by the following cordially worded address:

"We, the undersigned officers of the S.S. Chalmers beg your acceptance of this small token of our esteem, and trust that the spirit of good will and harmony existing between captain and officers may continue unbroken. In presenting you with this cane it is our wish that it may be your companion for many years to come. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we remain,

(Sd) Thos. McLaughlin, Purser; John A. Heritage, Chief Engineer; Geo. C. Brownlee, Second Engineer; A. Pendola, Third Engineer; J. D. Griffin, Pilot; John McLeod, Mate; A. S. Netheby, Bartender; L. Moxon, Steward; T. D. Hawcutt, Freight Clerk; W. Ahern, Bugle-master.

To say that Captain Rudlin was "taken completely by surprise" expresses the situation but mildly. He was astonished to the limit, and it was some moments ere he found voice to express his appreciation of the handsome gift and of the cordial feelings evidenced by his officers.

**BOER LOSSES AT MODDER.**  
Shown That Their Dead and Wounded Exceeded Five Hundred, While Possibly Total Much Greater.

London, Dec. 10.—The Daily Mail publishes the following interesting despatch from Julian Ralph, dated Modder River, referring to the Modder River engagement:

"We have now reason to believe that the Boer losses considerably exceeded ours. A hundred were buried in the river, having been sunk by means of stones. Some sixteen of these, insufficiently weighted, floated to the surface; thirty or more were buried in the sand, their slight sepulture being insufficient to hide their protruding fingers and limbs; thirty wounded are in the two hospitals in our lines; three hundred in the hospital four miles north, and seventy prisoners are held by us.

"Many of the dead were carried off the field, as at Belmont, where the Boers were seen to throw their dead on their saddles and ride away. In one case a dead man was held up in his saddle by a companion on another horse. The figures make a total beside which our losses are small.

"I visited the Boer hospital on the island in the river with Colonel Bonthurst and Rhodes yesterday. The Boer surgeon complained that he was held practically a prisoner, as he could not go away from the hospital.

"What do you want to go away for?" asked Col. Rhodes; "surely your sole duty is here with the sick men, sent out to shoot at our wounded in wagons bearing the same almost holy device, you must thank yourself if, having chosen to remain with a rabble which dishonors the Geneva Cross, you find yourself in an unpleasant predicament."

Mr. Ralph's figures total up 530 Boers killed, wounded and prisoners. The inference implied in his statement is that the actual losses were very much more. Our losses were officially returned at 470.

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## Mass for the Century's End.

Proclaimed by Papal Decree Establishing Also a Holy Year of Preparation.

Likewise Ushered by Midnight Celebration—Basis of Local Disputant's Contention.

A church publication recently received the papal decree proclaiming midnight mass to usher in the coming Holy Year, and also a midnight mass for December 31, 1900, to mark the century's end. This paper says:

In order to sanctify the night of Dec. 31, 1900, the International Committee for the Solemn Homage asked the Holy Father to grant permission for the celebration of midnight mass in all the churches of the world, and for the faithful privilege of receiving Holy Communion at that time. The Holy Father not only graciously acceded to the request, but in order that the faithful might at the beginning of the Holy Year greet the author of time, he extended the concession so that the midnight mass may be said on Dec. 31, 1899, as well as on Dec. 31, 1900. During this mass the Blessed Sacrament may be solemnly exposed, with the prudent permission of the Ordinary, and the faithful may receive Holy Communion. This is the most extraordinary permission of the whole reign of Leo XIII., and it shows how intensely his wishes are fixed on the celebration of the Holy Year as well as on the International Homage to the Redeemer of mankind.

The Universal Decree is as follows: "It is most becoming that we who are about to celebrate the commencement of the Holy Year, happily proclaimed by our Holy Father, Leo XIII., should, in the depth of night, rise to greet the author of time, and prostrate before His altars, to offer the most acceptable Victim, who is the Immaculate Lamb, assisting at the Sacred Banquet, so that at this most opportune time we may find the assistance of His grace and mercy. For our salvation is nearer. Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. And, if the kingdom of heaven, which is the Church on earth, is likened to the ten virgins going forth in the night to meet the Bridegroom, each one of us may, on the occasion of this solemn festivity, consider more attentively these sacred words: 'Trim your lamps; for behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye forth to meet Him.'"

"Since, moreover, at midnight of the last day of December of the coming year the present century will come to an end, and a new one begin, it is very appropriate that thanks be given to God by some pious and solemn ceremony for the benefits received during the course of the present century and owing to the urgent necessity of the times, that greater favors be implored in order to begin auspiciously the new era.

"Therefore, in order that the approaching year, 1900, may begin happily through the supplication of the assistance of God and His Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer, and that it may end, after a prosperous course, by ushering in a still more happy century, as it is right for us to expect, our Most Holy Father, Leo XIII., graciously concedes that, with the prudent consent of the Ordinary of every place, at midnight on the 31st of December, both of the closing and of the coming year, in all churches and chapels, where the Most Blessed Sacrament may be exposed to adoration; and permission is given, by special favor, to the faithful to receive Holy Communion either during the Mass or after it; all necessary conditions to be observed.

"All things to the contrary, notwithstanding."

(Signed),  
"C. Bishop of Praeneste Card. Mazzella, Prefect."

"Sacred Congregation of Rites,  
"D. Paniel, Secretary."  
Nov. 13, 1899.

TWENTIETH CENTURY, A. D.

A Socratic Dialogue on the Beginning of the Twentieth Century.

To the Editor of the Colonist:  
Q. Anno Domini! What does it mean?  
A. The year of the Lord; that is, the number of years since our Lord was born into this world.

Q. What is that number of years, as usually reckoned?  
A. 1899 years.

Q. What then is now, December 28, the actual length of time since the marvelous birth?  
A. 1899 years, 11 months, 28 days.

Q. Then since last January 1 we have been living in the nineteenth hundredth year?  
A. Certainly!

Q. Then next Sunday, December 31, the twentieth century will be completed, which added to 1899, will make 1900 completed?

A. Verily!  
Q. Monday, January 1, will then be the first day of the 365 days that will run on to make the year 1901.  
We will then on that day: "Ring out the old century; ring in the new." Laudes Deo!!

THE RETAIL MARKETS.  
Corrected List Giving the Ruling Retail Quotations.

There have been no material changes in the retail market quotations during the past week, although the following list will be found different to the last published one, it having been thoroughly revised. Local merchants all report a good Christmas trade, but it was crowded into the last days of the week, business being the quietest part of the month having been quieter than usual at this season. Another little rush is expected on Friday and Saturday in preparation for New Years. Here are the retail quotations:

Flour—		
Ogilvie's Hungarian, per bbl.	\$	5.00
Lake of the Woods, per bbl.	\$	4.75
O. K., per bbl.	\$	4.20
Snow Flake, per bbl.	\$	5.00
Galaxy, Hungarian, per bbl.	\$	5.00
Premier, per bbl.	\$	5.00
XXX Enderby, per bbl.	\$	4.20
Grain—		
Wheat, per ton	\$	28.00/30.00
Corn (whole), per ton	\$	20.00/22.00
Corn (cracked), per ton	\$	27.00/30.00
Oats, per ton	\$	20.00/22.00
Barley, per ton	\$	27.00/30.00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs.	\$	40¢
Roller Oats (B. & K.)	\$	4
Roller Oats (B. & K.), 7lb sack	\$	30
Feed—		
Hay (baled), per ton	\$	10.00/17.00
Straw, per bbl.	\$	50¢
Middlings, per ton	\$	23.00/25.00
Brass, per ton	\$	21.00/23.00
Ground feed, per ton	\$	24.00/26.00
Vegetables—		
Potatoes, per 100 lbs.	\$	1.00/1.25
Cabbage, per lb.	\$	1
Cauliflower, per head	\$	10¢
Lettuces, 4 heads for	\$	25
Carrots, per lb.	\$	12
Turnips, per lb.	\$	3
Celery, per bunch	\$	10
Fish—		
Salmon (smoked) per lb.	\$	15
Salmon (spring), per lb.	\$	15
Salmon (steelheads) per lb.	\$	6
Oysters, (Columbian), per pt.	\$	40
Oysters (Eastern), per dozen	\$	12
Cod, per lb.	\$	8
Haddock (frozen), per lb.	\$	6
Herring, per lb.	\$	6
Smelts, per lb.	\$	8
Flounders, per lb.	\$	6
Crabs, 3 for	\$	25
Farm Produce—		
Eggs (Manitoba), per dozen	\$	25
Bacon, (Island), per doz.	\$	40
Butter (Delta creamery)	\$	35
Best dairy	\$	25
Butter (Cowling creamery)	\$	35
Cheese (Canadian)	\$	25
Lard, per lb.	\$	12 1/2¢
Meat—		
Hams (American), per lb.	\$	18
Hams (Canadian), per lb.	\$	18 1/2¢
Bacon (American), per lb.	\$	18 1/2¢
Bacon (Canadian), per lb.	\$	14 1/2¢
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	\$	12 1/2¢
Bacon (dough), per lb.	\$	12 1/2¢
Shoulders, per lb.	\$	20
Beef, per lb.	\$	8 1/2¢
Mutton, per lb.	\$	10 1/2¢
Veal, per lb.	\$	15
Pork, per lb.	\$	10 1/2¢
Game—		
Grouse, per brace	\$	1.00/1.15
Ducks (mallards) per brace	\$	75
Ducks (wildgeese), per brace	\$	75
Ducks (teal), per brace	\$	25
Ducks (brant), per brace	\$	1.00
Rabbits (Island), each	\$	50
Fruit—		
Bananas per doz.	\$	20
Lemons (California), per doz.	\$	25
Lemons (small) per doz.	\$	25
Apples, per lb.	\$	5¢
Pears, 3 lbs. for	\$	25
Oranges (Japanese), per box	\$	50
Oranges (navels), per doz.	\$	40
Nuts (all kinds), per lb.	\$	20
Poultry—		
Dressed chicken, per pair	\$	1.50/1.75
Ducks (Island), per pair	\$	1.80/2.00
Ducks (Eastern) per pair	\$	1.00/1.50
Turkeys (Island), per lb.	\$	20
Turkeys (Eastern), per lb.	\$	15¢
Geese, per lb.	\$	20

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**FREIGHT CLASSIFICATION.**  
New York, Dec. 27.—As a result of the protest of merchants against the classification of merchandise by the railways and of interviews of members of the Merchants' Association in this city with trunk line officials the latter have said that this classification will go into effect on January 1, but they have promised that the matter of readjustment of the classifications which it is claimed by the merchants will hurt their business, will be taken up again by the traffic officials and executive officers of the roads, who will sift every grievance to the bottom and meet the merchants half way in making proper readjustment.

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## Eight Hour Law In Operation.

Rosland Camp Reduces Loss of Time by Requiring More Prompt Attendance.

Trial Proves Less Work Result of Change—How Contracting Was Stopped.

From the Rosland Camp, Dec. 23.

Commissioner Clute put in a long day's work, commencing at 10 o'clock yesterday. Several important witnesses were examined. The attendance of spectators at the sittings is very small.

The first witness examined was Alfred Parr of Ymir, a miner for 14 or 15 years, a citizen of the United States now, but was born in Dublin. He is the financial secretary of the miners' union at Ymir, which has 235 members, 70 per cent. of whom are British subjects, the balance being Americans and other nationalities. All the mines at Ymir with the exception of the Ymir mine paid \$3.50 per eight-hour shift for machine and hand men and \$3 for muckers and outside men. Little or no work was done by contract. The working mines of the district when working all hands employed men as follows: Ymir, 60; Porto Rico, 52; Yellowstone, 40; Tamarac, 28; Anglin, 22; Danes, 28; Fern, 40; and numerous small claims employed from six to eight men. The Ymir company had advertised for on in Spokane and some 12 had been contracted for there and brought to Ymir. He could not say what their names were, but about a dozen men made contracts in Sudbury, Ontario, with Tom Mitchell for the Ymir mine and came to the mine and worked about 10 shifts, when they all quit. They were not induced to quit by the miners' union. There was no attempt made by the union to coerce the men or make them leave off working, and no threats were used. The Ymir mine is the only mine in the camp that does not work full blast under the eight-hour law. Some of the other mines mentioned were temporarily closed down at present for one reason or another.

Albert Leon Houston of Rosland, a miner of 15 years' experience, then testified. He was an American citizen, but had resided here nearly four years and had been employed in mining most of that time. He was now president of the local miners' union. The percentage of members was strongly British, principally where he had been working in the Le Roi mine the percentage of British subjects was about 70. He did not think contract work could be used in the Rosland mines, but it could be used in drifts, shafts and raises. Occasionally more than usual wages could be made on contract work, but often less. The commissioner and the witnesses went into the whole question of the contract system and the witness then testified that the system had not been thoroughly tested in this camp yet. The majority of the men opposed contract work. The men had a right to work by the day or by contract as they saw fit. He had encountered no difficulties in meeting with any of the men or miners and discussing any labor question with them. The witness said he had worked under both the eight and ten-hour systems in practically the same place and work actually was put in under the eight-hour as under the ten-hour shift. Under the ten-hour plan the men went to work on company's time and it took them from 20 minutes to half an hour to get to their places in the mine and the same time would be taken at lunch time and in the last half shift. Under the eight-hour law the men arrived at their places ready to work when their time commenced. When 200 to 250 men are working they cannot climb down 600 or 600 feet in less than 15 minutes. It takes about half an hour for all the shift to get down to work. Now the men climb down and up in their own time, whereas they formerly went to and came from work in the company's time. More work has been accomplished under the eight-hour law than under the ten-hour. The men had better advantages to work harder under the new law, the company furnishing more tools and more prompt in supplying the men with what was needed. The work done both before and after the eight-hour law has been measured by the mine superintendent. The men pre-ferred the eight-hour system to the ten-hour. The witness said he would prefer to retain the eight-hour law even if he had to

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sometimes they only start when the whistle blows, but the rule is that they should be at their places in the mine when work starts.

Eight-hour shifts in shaft work had been the rule in the mines mentioned for some time prior to the act coming into force. More work could be done in ten hours than in eight. From five to twenty feet a month less work is done under the new system. Under the old system the men lost forty minutes in the day and forty minutes in the night shift going to and coming from the mine. While the day shift worked the usual loss of time under the new law is one hour and forty minutes per day. The longer hours would likely tell upon the hammer men, but machine men should be able to work right along. Relatively, the witness thought that the hammer men would do more work per hour in a short day than a longer one. A man could not do as much work in eight hours as he could in ten.

Mr. Devine asked, through the commissioner, if Mr. Long was ever a member of a miners' union. The witness replied that he was at one time a member of a union. In reply to further questions by Mr. Devine, the witness stated that he had never been notified by the miners' union under their official seal, nor had he corresponded with the union on the subject of contract work. The witness further added that he had been approached by the president of the miners' union and Mr. Devine, and requested to discharge a miner named Stewart. They said they could not give the reason, but Mr. Devine stated that Stewart would not join the miners' union. Stewart afterwards stated that he had joined the union.

Thomas H. Hughes, the sub-contractor referred to by the previous witness, was then sworn. He said he was a working man in the No. 1 mine. He took a contract to do the work at the rate of \$22 per foot and was guaranteed \$4 per day. This was in August last. He only worked one day, as Mr. Devine told him that the union had passed a resolution against all contract work. Witness said he was a member of the Coeur d'Alene union, but not the local one here. He was an American citizen. His two partners on the contract quit the work after the first day, and he came to see Devine and find out what was the trouble. He asked Devine if the union had stopped the contract, and Devine said it had. He (the witness) replied he did not think it right, as he had a chance to make \$5 or \$6 a day. Devine answered that the majority of the boys were against it; that it might benefit two or three, but would hurt them all in the long run.

To Mr. Houston, the president of the miners' union, the witness said he would work harder on a contract than he would in the company's time, and thought any other man would do the same.

To Mr. Devine the witness said he had some hot words with him at the time of the interview mentioned. Witness repeated the conversation as already given.

James Devine then gave his version of the matter referred to by Hughes. "I told him," said the witness, "I had nothing whatever to do with the contract. I said it was poor business management for a company to pay \$3 or \$7 per day when there were others willing to work for half that sum. I said I understood that the union had voted on the contract system, but that I had nothing more to do with the matter than any other individual. The union vote was a private one."

Mr. Long was recalled and asked by Mr. Houston how a contractor using a machine could do more work for himself and partners than for the company. The witness said there were several things to do besides drilling; men could help themselves considerably if they chose. John L. Keefe testified that about ten days ago the foreman of the Josie asked him if he would take a contract in No. 1 shaft, but witness replied he would see the union first. He met the walking delegate (H. E. Abell) and asked him if the union allowed contracts, and the delegate replied no, and the job was refused.

H. E. Abell, the walking delegate referred to, was recalled, and agreed with the statements made by the previous witness concerning their meeting. A copy of the constitution of the Rosland miners' union was produced and put in by the president. The question of contracts is not touched upon in the constitution.

Bernard McDonald, general manager of the B. A. C. properties, including the Le Roi, the East and West Le Roi and the Columbia-Kootenay, was then called. He produced a statement showing the nationality of all the men employed by the B. A. C., including the miners mentioned, and also figures showing the amount of capital invested by the B. A. C. in the mines of the camp, and some further figures showing the effect of the immediate working of the eight-hour law.

Mr. McDonald said he had been mining for 26 years, a practical miner for nine years, working as a mucker, single and double hammer drilling and machine drill, as well as on the pumps and timbering, laid out for some years as a foreman and general manager. At this stage Mr. Clute said he would take Mr. McDonald's evidence later, and the witness was excused.

R. E. Palmer testified that he was a mining engineer graduate from McGill in 1882, had been engaged in mining for about six years; is the mining engineer of the Le Roi mine. The witness verified the statement already put in showing the increased cost of working in the Le Roi mine under the eight-hour law than formerly. The total daily increase was \$88. The witness said that if the sorting space was enlarged and four or five sorters put on, some of the increased costs of shipment calculated would be reduced somewhat. It had been found necessary to make extensive changes to meet the changed circumstances, but these could not be concluded for about six months, and in the meantime the increased cost would have to be incurred.

The further sittings of the commissioner were adjourned at 6:45 last evening until 10 o'clock this morning, when Mr. McDonald and several other witnesses will be called.

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### NEW DENVER.

New Denver, Dec. 22.—As a result of the votes taken last Saturday night by the full attendance of the miners' unions in the camp, particularly at Sandon, the delegation from the miners have been in conference during the week with the representatives of the mine owners. No definite conclusion has yet been arrived at, so far, at least as the general public is permitted to glean. There have been various rumors of a settlement, but they are without foundation. The compromise offer from the owners was \$3.25 for hand-trillers, \$3.75 for R. F. Crown, M. P. for the Slocan division, was here on Saturday and Sunday eliciting the views of his constituents as to the needs of this vicinity. Chief among these were urged the Silver Mountain wagon road and the enlargement of the public school, and the additional teacher. In addressing the miners at Union hall on Saturday evening, Mr. Green stated that the eight-hour law would never be repealed, as out of a total membership in the legislature of 38, no less than 28 have pledged themselves to its individual support.

The heavy thaw of the first day or so caused some dangerous slides to come down. New workings have been opened up on the Busan ground, just above the No. 1 shaft, with the alleged purpose of tapping the big ore chute which was last summer uncovered a few scores feet away on the Fidelity claim. Though in but 40 feet or so a great deal of ore has been taken out, the full blast of the tunnel being in ore. There is no doubt but that with the labor trouble settled, the new Busan company could make a shipping record almost equal to the Payne-Nelson Tribune.

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